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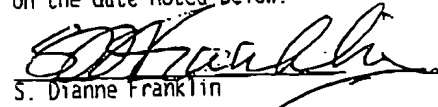
For : METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING
A DATABASE FOR MANAGING
MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
INFORMATION, RECORDING
MEDIUM RECORDING PROGRAM
THEREOF, AND SYSTEM
THEREFOR

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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed
October 11, 2001, the term for response to which expires on
January 11, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please substitute amended claims 6 and 11 as follows:

6. (Second Amended) A method comprising:

defining a set of products having a collection of attributes
of use, ~~which are~~ arbitrarily predetermined as a series product;

said set of products being